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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

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17 January 1985

The Honorable Joseph John Jova
President
U.S. Ambassador - retired
Meridian House International
1630 Crescent Place, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009

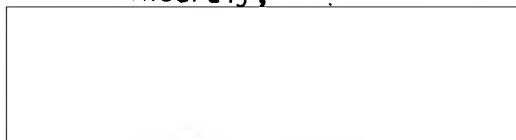
Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for inviting CIA Director William J. Casey to address the World Affairs Seminar Series at the Meridian House International in Washington, D.C., sometime in early 1985.

Mr. Casey has asked me to extend his regrets. He does not normally address audiences which include foreign nationals. I know you will understand.

We wish your organization a successful 1985.

Sincerely,



George V. Lauder
Director, Public Affairs

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7 January 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: George V. Lauder
Director, Public Affairs Office

SUBJECT: Invitation to Address the World Affairs Seminar Series,
Meridian House International

1. Action Requested: Accept or decline invitation to address the World Affairs Seminar Series at the Meridian House International in Washington, D.C., at a mutually convenient date in early 1985.

2. Background: President of Meridian House International (and Former Ambassador of the United States) The Honorable John Jova has invited you to address the World Affairs Seminar Series of the Meridian House International. You could expect an audience of approximately 100 - 150 that would include foreign Ambassadors and foreign embassy personnel as well as the corporate and individual members. No media or press would be invited to attend. The meeting would begin with a reception at 4:30 p.m. and the seminar would start at 5:00 p.m. The suggested format is 30 minutes of remarks followed by 30 minutes of Questions and Answers. The program would end at 6:00 p.m.

- Meridian House International (MHI) is a cultural and educational organization in the field of international affairs whose purpose is the support of intercultural exchange programs. MHI provides services to international visitors and diplomats, and owns and operates Meridian House. The organization offers symposia, seminars, art exhibitions, and international cultural presentations. Since Henry Kissinger inaugurated the World Affairs Seminar Series in 1977, the program, according to MHI, has attracted prestigious speakers and audiences composed of leaders from the corporate, banking, and academic circles as well as from government and international organizations. (See attachments for further information including the Board of Trustees list.)

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Meridian House International

3. Recommendation: Decline: You could expect an audience of many foreign nationals from the embassies in the Washington area. Please indicate your preference and have Public Affairs make the appropriate response.



George V. Lauder

ACCEPT:

Director of Central Intelligence

Date

DECLINE:

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Director of Central Intelligence

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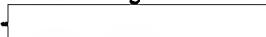
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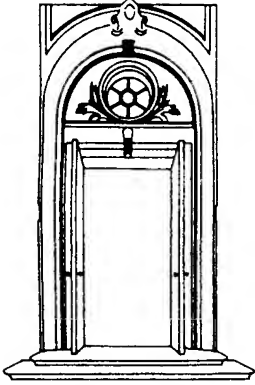
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Executive Secretary

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Office of the President

December 17, 1984

The Honorable
William J. Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

For more than two decades Meridian House International has been a doorway to the United States for tens of thousands of international leaders, diplomats and scholars; and a window on the world for thousands of Americans interested in foreign affairs. Our special programs are rooted both in the humanities and the arts as well as in international relations.

It has long been my thought that it would be splendid if you would agree to speak here at Meridian House. Since Henry Kissinger inaugurated our World Affairs Seminar Series in 1977, the program has attracted prestigious speakers and audiences composed of leaders from the corporate, banking, and academic circles as well as from government and international organizations. I now invite you to honor us by speaking as part of this series.

Our audience would be a general one and would include foreign Ambassadors and embassy personnel as well as our corporate and individual members. We would invite participants to gather at Meridian House at 4:30 p.m. for light refreshments and the opportunity to meet you and each other. The seminar would start at 5:00 p.m. You may speak as long as you like; however, I suggest you speak for 30 minutes and then respond to a limited number of questions. The program would be finished by 6:00 p.m. I can promise an enthusiastic audience.


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I hope you can accept my invitation to participate in Meridian House International's lecture series. Perhaps your secretary could contact my assistant, Thomas O'Coin, to discuss the details and select a date in early 1985 that will be mutually satisfactory.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Jova". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font. The first name "John" is written with a large, sweeping initial "J". The last name "Jova" is written in a similar cursive style. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line that separates it from the printed name below.

Joseph John Jova
President

U.S. Ambassador - retired

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